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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Beffort DATE TYPED 1/30/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Early Childhood Teachers in College Courses SB 293

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$150.0		See Narrative	Recurring	TANF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department
New Mexico Department of Public Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 293 appropriates \$150,000 from the temporary assistance for needy children block grant (TANF) to the Children, Youth and Families Department, Office of Child Development to contract with persons employed as early childhood teachers enrolled in a degreed course at a post-secondary educational institution to improve their employment skills.

Significant Issues

According to the Children, Youth and Families Department, this bill provides an incentive for income eligible individuals to consider an early childhood teaching career.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill will result in a recurring expense to the TANF grant or general fund because those qualifying for the assistance will seek it in future years.

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Senate Bill 293 provides unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 will revert to the TANF grant.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Children, Youth and Families Department states any additional administrative impact to the department can be absorbed into existing staff and budget resources.

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